

KINDERGARTEN 101

Columbia Elementary School

COMING TO SCHOOL

- Your child can come to school on the bus, in a car through the car line, or as a walker.
- The morning car line drop off is at the back of the school. You will use the South Entrance to Columbia. You **cannot** drop your child off in the front parking lot.
- If your child will be eating breakfast at school, please make sure they arrive no later than 7:20.

LUNCH

- We will be sending home your child's lunch number in your Open House folder.
- Students need to be able to open lunch items independently. Please practice at home.
- You may join us for lunch starting September 3rd.

SNACK

- Please pack snack separate from lunch.
- Pack your child's snack in a container or bag.
- Please send one healthy snack and water daily for your child.
- Students need to be able to open snack items independently.
Please practice.

We recommend water bottles that snap open and close like the ones shown in the picture.

Always double check that it is closed tight before sending it in your child's backpack.

Please label the water bottle with your child's name.



DAILY REST TIME

- We will have rest time daily.
- If you are sending a blanket, it must be attached to the rest mat.
- We will send rest mats home on Friday to be washed. Please return each Monday with your child.
- Students should be able to roll and secure the rest mat independently.

AFTERNOON TRANSPORTATION

- Color coded transportation tags will be given the first day. Please leave these attached to their backpacks.
- A Kindergarten teacher will escort the students to the proper spot each day.
- Each child receives a car line number. Please work to have your child memorize his/her car line number. The carline tag will have your child's teacher's name and their classroom number. Every time your child is a car rider, you need this number on your rearview mirror facing out.
- If your child is a bus rider, please join the Columbia Elementary Bus Information Facebook Group. Our lead bus driver can answer questions and post changes.

DISMISSAL

CAR RIDERS

- Students will listen for memorized car line number.
- Students will enter the vehicle from the passenger side. Parents need to stay in the car.

BUS RIDERS

- Students need to know their bus shape and bus driver's name.

VAN RIDERS

- Students need to know the name of the van.

WALKERS

- Students need to know if they are a “front” or “back” door walker. Please work on memorizing address.

EXTENDED DAY

- Columbia offers the best after school care program in Madison.
- Extended Day closes at 6:00.
- Please visit the Extended Day table before you leave for information and to register.
- Extended Day will begin on Monday August 5th.

KEEPING IN TOUCH

- Daily Folder
 - ◆ Please check and empty your child's daily folder each afternoon.
- Please check our classroom website.
- Please sign up to receive text messages.
 - ◆ The information needed to do this will be in the Folder of Important Papers.
- Follow Columbia Elementary PTA on Facebook.

COLUMBIA'S PHONE NUMBER

- Please add Columbia Elementary School's phone number to the contacts in your phone. Columbia's phone number is 256-430-2751.
- When someone from Columbia calls, please answer. It could be the nurse, the front office, the lunchroom or your child's teacher.
- If you miss a call from Columbia, please listen to the voicemail **before** returning the call so you know who to ask to speak to.

TRANSPORTATION CHANGES

- It is best for children to have a consistent transportation schedule.
- If a transportation change is necessary, you need to **email no later than 1:30** .
You will not email your child's teacher. Please use following email address:

cestransportation@madisoncity.k12.al.us

MONEY

- Label the destination for all money sent to the school.
- Send money in envelope or sandwich bag inside your child's daily folder.
- Checks must have Drivers License #

DRESS CODE

- Socks and tennis shoes are required each day.
- **Shoes with velcro** are highly recommended.
- Skirts need shorts or leggings underneath.
- Wear practical clothing for Kindergarten.

CHANGE OF CLOTHES

Please place these items in a gallon bag:

Shirt

Pants

Underwear

Socks

Plastic bag



A/B SCHEDULE

- Girls only will come on Thursday, August 1st.
- Boys only will come on Friday, August 2nd.

- On your child's first day of school, you are allowed to walk them inside. Please come to the **gym**. We will meet you in the gym at 7:25.

- Beginning Monday, August 5th, all students will begin the regular school schedule.



Thank you for entrusting your
children to us.

We promise to cherish each
one of them and teach them to love
coming to school!

CES School Counseling Program

School Counselors:

Sadie Sturdivant, M.A.Ed., NCC, ALC

Hillary Bowen, M. A. Ed

Counseling Services

Individual Counseling

Small Group Counseling

Core Counseling Lessons

Crisis Intervention

Parent and Teacher Consultation

Referral Services

504 Coordination

How can your child see the school counselor?

Parent Referral

Teacher Referral

Student Self-Referral

Administrator Referral

Counselor Observation

Let's Connect!

Email:

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Benefits of School Counseling

Good mental health allows children to think clearly, develop socially, and learn new skills

Children who develop a strong emotional intelligence are better able to control their behavior

Self-regulation and prevention strategies can equip students with the skills necessary to combat mental health issues

School Counselors serve as advocates for all students to succeed

Schools, parents, and communities that collaborate provide the most effective support system for students

Opt-In Forms



SCHOOL BUS INFO



- Kindergarten students **CANNOT** be released without a parent present
- Know your bus **NUMBER**, not just shape/color
- Transportation office:
(256)774-4613